

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1037**

March 22, 2017

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits commissioners and deputy commissioners of state departments from seeking or accepting employment with any private business entity that contracted with the department during the tenure of the commissioner or deputy commissioner during the 12-month period immediately following the commissioner's or deputy commissioner's departure from the department. Authorizes the Tennessee Ethics Commission (TEC) to assess a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 and seek injunctive relief for any violation.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- There are prohibitions, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(l), against members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the executive branch, members of the Governor's cabinet, or cabinet level staff within the Governor's office from being employed as a lobbyist for 12 months after leaving such employment.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-306(a)(2)(B), the TEC may assess a civil penalty, not to exceed \$10,000, for violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(l).
- No violations of Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-6-304(l) have occurred since its enactment in 2006.
- It is assumed that commissioners or deputy commissioners will not violate the prohibition to extents the state would receive any significant revenue from civil penalties assessed. As a result, the fiscal impact of this legislation is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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